

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Elder's Commission

2nd Quarter Report
April – May - June
2017



Commissioners

Richard Wemigwase, Chairman

Lisa Flynn, Vice-Chairman

Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary

Janice Shackelford, Treasurer

JoAnn Carey, Commissioner

The Elder's Commission meetings are open meetings and the Commission encourages membership attendance and participation.

The Elder's Commission meetings are held monthly on the first Wednesday of each month, meetings begin at 5 p.m. unless posted otherwise. All meetings are held in Room 312, unless otherwise stated.

The Elder's Department Director has presented many issues and concerns to the commission. The Elder's Commissioners will continue to work with the Department to address, review and discuss department issues and concerns. The Commission will assist and support the department in reaching resolution wherever possible and work to strive with LTBB membership's best interest in mind.

The Michigan Indian Elder Association quarterly meeting will be held on July 25-27, 2017 in Mt. Pleasant, MI, hosted by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. The Elders Commission was represented by Lisa Flynn and Richard Wemigwase. The Elder's Commission would like to have at least one LTBB Elder Commissioner attend these quarterly meetings to keep the commission abreast of current issues plaguing tribal communities throughout Michigan.

The Elder Commission developed a survey that was asking all LTBB Tribal Elders their concerns and what services they would be interested in receiving and their needs for

services in the future from the Elder Department. A final report is currently being developed, the commission is still receiving surveys so the input of information is constantly changing, therefore the report is taking longer than anticipated to compile the data.

The commissioners are dedicated to establishing a line of communication with the Elders Department and assist the department to the best of our abilities in the future.

The commission has completed reviewing and updating policies with the Elders Department. The Policies will be posted and submitted to Tribal Council for approval.

The commissioners would like to express their appreciation to the Executive for recommendations to Tribal Council for placement on the Elder's Commission.

The commissioners would like to thank Tribal Council for their appointments to the Elder's Commission.



Written and submitted by, Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary